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In re the Application of: **KIKUGAWA, Atsushi et al.**

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For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET HAVING
CORROSION-RESISTANT FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 8, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2003 for one month from August 12, 2003 to September 12, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

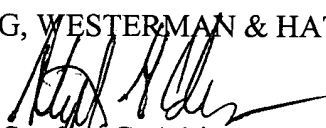
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